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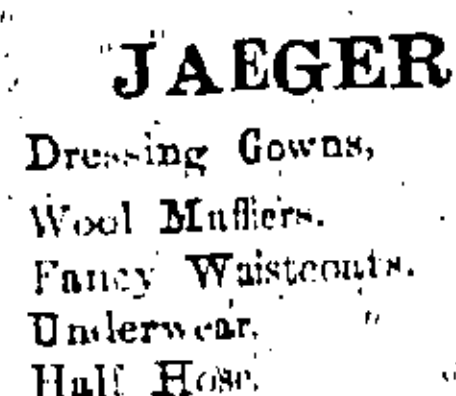
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PENANG MILLIONAIRE WILL SUIT.

CHIEF JUSTICE DELIVERS HIS WRITTEN JUDGMENT.

THE REASON A JURY WAS NOT EMPANELLED.

The Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) delivered his written judgment yesterday morning in the Penang millionaires suit which first came before the Supreme Court of Hongkong eleven months ago. Intimation had already been made that the verdict had gone to the defendants, the exors. of the estate, and that the claim of Cheong Tye Gan to be a son of the testator had been quashed.

There were present in Court to hear the judgment delivered, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton (who has latterly conducted the case for the plaintiff by virtue of a special Ordinance empowering a solicitor to act as a barrister) and Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon & Harston).

In the opening paragraphs of the judgment, the Chief Justice said:—

This case has been one of abnormal length and difficulty, and it places on the Court the obligation of deciding an important issue of fact on a mass of evidence in many respects wholly conflicting. A verdict in favour of the plaintiff would involve not only a finding of gross perjury on the part of many of the defendants' witnesses but also a wholesale conspiracy—I should think, almost unrivalled in litigation—on the part of the representatives of a very wealthy Chinese gentleman to fraudulently deprive a youth of his legitimate share in his deceased father's estate. On the other hand, a verdict in favour of the defendants involves a finding of flagrant perjury on the part of many of the plaintiffs' witnesses, who are aiding and abetting him to secure a share in an estate to which he is not entitled by personating another long ago deceased.

SERIOUS HARDSHIP ON A JURY.

I have had occasion to comment before, in this Court, on the difficulties of a Judge without the assistance of a jury having to decide cases based on questions of fact where perjury on one side or the other—and in some cases probably on both sides—is rampant, and where the decision, under the circumstances, may largely rest on probabilities. On the other hand, I recognise that the conditions prevailing in litigation here, both as regards interpretation of evidence from one language into another, and the prolixity of Chinese witnesses, greatly prolong the hearing of a case and would inflict a serious hardship on a jury of business men were they constrained to sit in such cases. This consideration alone governed me in not exercising my right of having a jury in this case, which is based entirely on fact and not on law.

Proceeding, the Chief Justice said he deemed it unnecessary and unpracticable to deal with all the details of "this very lengthy and complicated case; it was sufficient to deal with the chief grounds on which his conclusions had been reached. The Judge then summed up the evidence as to the recognition or non-recognition of the youthful plaintiff by members of the testator's family, his share in various Chinese ceremonies and funerals; the names on the testator's tombstone and the conflict of evidence as to whether a character thereon stood for the plaintiff or someone else (it being the custom for the names of descendants to appear on Chinese tombstones).

The Judge mentioned that, as to the books produced by the defendants, he found that there was no proof of fraud or of improper tampering with the accounts. These accounts did not show that the plaintiff, as alleged, had drawn \$30 a month from the estate for many years.

EXPERT EVIDENCE ON CHINESE CUSTOM.

Discussing the expert evidence as to Chinese customs given by Mr. S. B. C. Ross (Postmaster General), Mr. Chan Tat Ming (Chinese master at Queen's College) and Mr. Chan Pik U, another school-master, the Judge remarked: "All these three gentlemen, expert in Chinese custom, agree that it is unthinkable that the testator's wife would allege that the son of her husband was dead when he was alive, as it would be an outrage on her dead husband and an offence against the ancestors. As a fact, this old lady entirely relies on such an allegation and conducts this action accordingly. I may add that, according to the plaintiff's

position, the evidence of the experts only proves adoption and it does not prove that he is the Gan of the will, the natural son of Tye Tye by the testator."

After dealing with the names appearing in the death notice, the Judge remarked that he thought it was clear both from the evidence and from the omission of the plaintiff's name from the death notice, that he was not the natural son of the testator. The Chief Justice proceeded to deal with the oral evidence. As to that in called in support of the plaintiff, his Lordship remarked that, to anyone not familiar with Chinese witnesses, it would seem conclusive. The defendants replied by producing a death certificate which they submitted related to the person named in the will. If it did, that would dispose of the case.

As to the omission of the name of Gan (the name claimed by the plaintiff) from the cards of invitation at the worship at the family temple in Penang the executors said the reason was that Gan died two years before that time. As to this Mr. Lai Choi Hi, Professor of Chinese Literature in Hongkong University gave most important evidence. The Judge summarised this evidence which was that the professor was a relative of the testator and was consulted by him as to the invitations. He asked the testators why Tye Gan's name did not appear in the list, and the testator replied "This so-called Tye Gan is dead." There was no cross-examination of this witness and I see no reason," said the Chief Justice, "for rejecting his evidence. There has been no practical suggestion why a man of this standing should come forward and invent a deliberate lie and his evidence, if true, goes far to dispose of plaintiff's case. The only real criticism offered by Mr. Brutton was that he was the father-in-law of one of the defendants and that he was silent as to the death of Gan at the time of the Penang action in 1912." The Judge noted, further, that in that action the death of Cheong Tye Gan was declared and was unchallenged.

"GROSS PERJURY ON ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER."

The evidence of witnesses who spoke to the death showed an entire conflict of testimony and gross perjury on one side or the other, and he had to place himself in the position of a jury and decide which to believe.

"Before coming to the question of the death certificate," continued the Chief Justice, "I must state that, accepting as I do the defendants' direct evidence on the point of death, it disposes of the plaintiff's case. The onus of proving his claim is on him. He has failed to do so and I must say, frankly, that I do not believe him or his witnesses. His evidence as to his age was entirely unsatisfactory. He stated that he was twelve years old when the No. 8 concubine died but subsequently corrected himself when it became evident that, according to the correct date of this woman's death, if he was twelve years old at that time he was not the boy mentioned in the will."

PENANG REGISTER CRITICISED.

The Judge said he had decided to exclude the death certificate altogether in determining the case, although, if conclusive, it would have completely demolished the plaintiff's case. The two certified extracts from the Penang Register of Deaths were entirely unsatisfactory; from the point of view of record the entry, as a whole, was unsatisfactory, and the explanation as to the Registrar's laxity, or that of his staff, was more so. Plaintiff's counsel threw out a suggestion of mala fides but the Judge did not take that view; there was not, in his judgment, anything to warrant a suggestion of bad faith. Its inaccuracies largely under-rated the value of the death certificate; the onus was on the defendants to establish conclusively that it referred to the dead son in the will and he was not satisfied as to its proof. Ignoring the death certificate for the reason given, the Chief Justice said he had given his verdict, on the evidence as a whole, without doubt, in favour of the defendants (the exors. of the testator).

Concluding his judgment, the Chief Justice said he desired to bear testimony to the great real and marked ability which had characterised Mr. Brutton's conduct of the case. Deprived by untoward circumstances, in the course of the case, of the services of both his counsel, he had a difficult task to perform. He discharged it with great fidelity and left no point unraised which the ingenuity of an advocate could suggest in the interests of his client.

THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY TO BE REVIVED AFTER LYING DORMANT SINCE 1914.

In view of wishes frequently expressed by many residents an effort is being made to revive interest in the Hongkong Philharmonic Society, which has been dormant since 1914, and a meeting of a few of the old members was held in the Hongkong Club on Tuesday evening to consider the question.

It was decided to ask H.E. Mr. Clau Severn, C.M.G., to accept the presidency of the Society and His Excellency has signified his willingness to do so.

The following gentlemen have accepted office:—Messrs. C. E. H. Beavis, J. Owen Hughes, E. J. Chapman, E. Ralphs, Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, Prof. C. A. Middleton-Smith, Mr. T. P. M. Bevan (Conductor), Mr. Eric Rice (Pianist), and Mr. J. A. E. Bullock (Secretary). It is hoped that it will be possible to complete the list of officers in due course.

The Secretary will be glad to receive, as early as possible, the names of ladies and gentlemen who are willing to become members of the Society, active or otherwise. Those who are willing to give their assistance in choral or orchestral work should state whether their voices are Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Baritone, or Bass, or the instrument which they are willing to play.

So soon as sufficient names are received, a general meeting will be held at which all proposals for the ensuing season will be put before the members and days for practice notified.

It is sincerely hoped that the public will respond generously to this appeal for assistance.

MAN SHOT IN A TEA-HOUSE. ECHO OF THE ABERDEEN STREET SHOOTING AFFRAY.

COMPLAINANT IN RECENT CASE NOW UNDER ARREST.

Chinese mentality is very hard to understand and a shooting incident in a tea-house near the Central Fire Station, Queen's Road Central, yesterday morning, affords an illustration of the difficulty.

Yesterday morning a Chinese painter named Wan Ko, who on August 27th, 1922, was shot at and seriously wounded in the head in Aberdeen Street, by a man named Wong Kum; entered the Sam Yuen Tea House, walked up the stairs to the third floor and there encountered three men, said to be his enemies. What happened is not clear. The painter is said to have drawn a revolver and shot one of the three men in the chest. The bullet entered the man's lung and he immediately collapsed. Directly after the shooting took place, the painter blew his police whistle and is said to have handed himself over to the Police. He is now in police custody. The wounded man was removed to hospital, and his condition was considered to be so serious that the second Police Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) was sent for to take his depositions in case he should die.

In the absence of definite information it is conjectured that the painter was tackled by the three men when he reached the head of the stairs, and that in defence he drew a revolver which he used with such serious consequences. The wounded man's companions have not been arrested. It is supposed that the three men who were in the tea-house were friends of the man who shot at the painter two months ago, and is now undergoing 14 years' penal servitude for his crime. At the Criminal Sessions it transpired that the prisoner in the case was a member of the Painters' Guild; and Wan Ko was shot because he would not join the Guild. Wan Ko is said to have taken up a very strong attitude against the Guild.

On the man, who was wounded in the tea-house, yesterday, were found certain documents relating to secret society work.

The Police are busy investigating the affair.

A new industry is being started in Kowloon. A local firm has started to manufacture cigars at a moderate price. The cigar, says the *Malay Mail*, is 4 inches long and slightly tapered, truncated at both ends and black shaped, one-half by three-eighths of an inch in width. It does not look like a weed in the mouth and it smokes mild. It is made of Sumatra leaf and rolled by expert Burmese women, specially imported for this purpose. These cheroots have only been put on the market after several weeks of experiments. For the medium size the price is \$3 a hundred.

SEIZURE OF ARMS IN HOTELS AUSTRALIAN CHARGED.

The man, who was arrested on board the *S.S. President Jefferson*, on Tuesday, in connection with the seizure of arms at the King Edward Hotel and the Palace Hotel was brought before Mr. Hamilton at the Magistracy, yesterday. This man is an Australian, named William Pitts, aged 39 years, employed on the *President Jefferson* as a second steward. The seizure of the arms in the two well-known European Hotels has caused quite a stir locally, and this has been enhanced by the arrest of two Australians, the other man being Owen James Smyth, late bar manager of the Palace Hotel. His case will be resumed on Friday next. He was allowed bail of \$1,000, but as he has been unable to find this sum he is in police custody. Two Chinese have also been arrested in connection with the affair. One of these was allowed bail of \$5,000. When his case was called at the Magistracy, on Tuesday, it was found that he had "jumped his bail." The Magistrate ordered the \$5,000 to be estimated.

Four charges have been preferred against the Australian, William Pitts. They are: (1) importing 31 revolvers, 9 Mauser pistols, 2 Savage rifles and 2,380 cartridges; (2) importing 3,850 revolver cartridges; 400 Mauser pistol cartridges. Two alternative charges of unlawful possession have also been preferred against the defendant.

Chief Detective Inspector Murrison asked for the case to be adjourned until Friday morning.

The Magistrate: What is the nature of the evidence against him? I understand you want to make a statement on the matter?

Inspector Murrison said that on Oct. 22nd, which was a Sunday, four packages of arms were sent to the King Edward Hotel at about 7 p.m. The evidence would show that at about 9 p.m. the same day the defendant called at the hotel and engaged a room for the night. He ordered that three of the packages be taken to his room, No. 98, and that the other be stored in the baggage room. This would be the evidence supporting the first charge. As to the second charge, the ammunition was found in the defendant's cabin when the ship came into port on Tuesday morning from Manila.

The defendant (to the Magistrate): Can I get in touch with the American Consul-General?

The Magistrate (to the Inspector): Make the usual arrangements.

Inspector Murrison: Sergt. Andrew will take him to the Consul if he likes.

The defendant: I want to see the American Consul because I have not been properly treated. He added that the food in gaol was not good. He wanted better food for which he was prepared to pay out of what little money he had. (Here the defendant mumbled something about porridge and bread in tones not clearly audible to the reporters).

Inspector Murrison: That is a matter which should be referred to the Gaol authorities.

The Magistrate: I can't interfere with that, but I will mention your case to the Superintendent of the Gaol.

The case was then remanded to Friday next, bail of \$5,000 being allowed.

A FEAT OF ENDURANCE. SEVEN MEN IN THE WATER FOR SIX HOURS.

The tale of a remarkable feat of endurance has just been reported in Hongkong. The master of a fishing junk tells the tale. He reported to the Harbour Master of Hongkong that on October 29th his junk ran into a gale 10 miles south of Waglan. After battling with heavy seas the craft sank about 25 miles from land. The crew of seven men took to the water and kept on swimming for six hours before they were picked up, at four o'clock next morning, by another junk. The survivors reached Hongkong on Monday night.

STORING PETROL WITHOUT A LICENCE.

Li Sing, of the Asia Garage, No. 11, Caroline Road, Wanchai, was summoned before Mr. Lindell at the Magistracy, yesterday morning, for having in his possession 16 gallons of petrol without a licence. The defendant's excuse was that the petrol was to be used for private cars. Sergt. Stimson proved that the petrol was stored in the garage building and that it was not kept in a regulation tank. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$50.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

BRITISH LEGION.

A Return showing how many desire to attend the service in St. John's Cathedral at 10.40 A.M. on ARMISTICE DAY has been called for. Will Members send in to the Hon. Secretary early, please. [1697]

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

TRAMWAY ORDINANCE, 1902.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Company intends to apply to the Governor-in-Council for power to construct an additional 1113 yards of Tramway Track commencing at their present terminus at Wongneichong village along Wongneichong Road (on the Eastern side of the Happy Valley) and Leighton Hill Road, to connect with the existing line at Morrison Hill Road, in accordance with the plan deposited with the Director of Public Works.

W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary & General Manager.
2nd November, 1922. [1698]



WANTED.

TWO STOREHOUSEMEN at Kowloon Naval Depot. Apply by letter only to the undersigned stating experience and salary desired.

H. G. LOVE,
Naval Store Officer.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1922. [1701]

TO LET.

SHOPS AND OFFICES.

PERSONS seeking Shop or Office accommodation in the New Building now being erected on LK 2317 & 2318 in Queen's Road Central and Pender Street (Old Post Office site) are invited to inspect the floorplans, which are now ready, and to discuss terms with the undersigned, at R. H. KOTWALL & Co., Alexandra Buildings.

R. H. KOTWALL. [1700]

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FIRST and SECOND ROUNDS of the CHAMPIONSHIP will be played at FAIRVIEW on SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12th, 1922, the THIRD ROUND and SEMI-FINAL on NOVEMBER 19th, and the FINAL on NOVEMBER 26th.

The Result of the draw is as follows—

J. Rodger, Jr.	J. L. Crockett	Bye
J. E. Warner	F. J. de Rome	Bye
Capt. Bloham		Bye
H. R. Buckland	Mr. H. G. Gandy	
T. W. Hill	P. Davidson	
H. U. Ireland	R. M. Smith	
J. M. Walker	G. S. Archbutt	
F. S. Harrison	N. L. Smith	
C. Palmer-Johnson	J. B. Ross	
Capt. Cumming	Lieut. V. Bacon	
E. J. R. Mitchell	W. Galloway	Bye
B. D. C. Morgan	A. B. Stewart	Bye

This notice cancels the previous notice inserted in the Papers on the 31st ultimo.

By Order,

PERCY SMITH, SETH & FLEMING,
Secretaries & Treasurers.
[1702]

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No. 13, WING KING STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.
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MONDAY,
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Particulars and Conditions of sale may be obtained from
Messrs. HASTINGS & HASTINGS,
Solicitors,
8, Des Voeux Road Central,
and
Messrs. LAMBERT BROTHERS,
Auctioneers.
[1837]

New Consignments of the well-known Vaseline Egyptian Cigarettes arriving monthly—Crown, Prince, Non Plus Ultra, and Superfine.

FOR THE LADIES—"DAMES" AND "LA FRANCE."

FOR PRICES, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, APPLY AT THE SOLE AGENTS—

HONGKONG CIGAR STORE,
SHIPS SUPPLIED OUT OF BOND.
[1458]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we the undersigned have THIS DAY commenced to practice as Solicitors in partnership under the style of LYSON & HALL at No. 6, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

C. H. LYSON,
J. M. HALL.
[1694]

NOTICE.

THE Firm of Geo. P. LAMBERT carrying on the business of Share, Stock and General Broker will as from the 1st Day of November, 1922, be known under the name and style of Geo. P. & H. A. LAMBERT.

GEORGE PHILIP LAMBERT,
HERBERT ALEXANDER LAMBERT.
1st November, 1922. [1695]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

THE NEW FLATS on K.I.L. 609 (the Old WIGWAM TENNIS CLUB), will be ready for occupation MIDDLE NOVEMBER. Will those who have applied for these Flats kindly communicate with the Secretary, Hongkong, 1st November, 1922. [1692]

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

1. That the legitimate Board of Directors of The Russian Volunteer Fleet has its seat in Moscow.
2. That the undersigned has been appointed Special Delegate in the Far East and Mr. R. J. ELLEDER, Chief Agent for China and Japan, with residence in Shanghai.
3. That transactions and liabilities of any kind contracted by anybody else in the name of the Russian Volunteer Fleet are null and void and will not be recognized by the Russian Volunteer Fleet.

J. LEONIDOFF.

Special Delegate of the Russian Volunteer Fleet in the Far East.

Temporarily Hongkong:
Hongkong Hotel. [1691]

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Reimbursable at holder's option, as follows—

On the 25th of September, 1923 for Frs. 500.00.
On the 25th of September, 1927 for Frs. 507.50.
Subscription list will be closed on 1st 7th NOVEMBER, 1922.

Applications will be received by—

THE BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
Princes Building, Chater Road.

V. MARBOT,
Manager.

Hongkong, 11th October, 1922. [1610]

NATIONAL 5% SHORT TERM BOND

ISSUE ON THE 11th YEAR OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC. (1922).

\$10,000,000.

WITH reference to previous notices informing the public that the undersigned has been entrusted by the Chinese Government with the service of the Loan and that it will be conducted in all respects on the same lines as the service of the 7th Year Short Term Bond Issue of 1918; SUBSCRIBERS to the above Loan are hereby notified that the definitive Bonds are now ready and may be had from the Bank of China on production of their Provisional Receipts. The denominations and numbers of the Bonds are as follows—

\$10,000 from 0000001 to 0000000
\$1,000 from 0000001 to 0000000
\$100 from 0000001 to 0000000

The above Bonds have been checked by representatives of the National Loans Bureau, the Audit Department, the Bank of China, and the Inspector General of Customs, who have also witnessed the destruction of the stones from which the Bonds were printed.

F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs,
Peking, 19th October, 1922. [1675]

THE CORONET.

THE FLAME OF LIFE.

KOWLOON THEATRE.

THE WOMAN IN ROOM 13.

INTIMATIONS

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

INTERPORT MATCH.

MANILA v. HONGKONG.

A DINNER, which all Members and Subscribers are invited to attend, will be given at the Hongkong Hotel on WEDNESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 1922, at 8 P.M. Cost of Dinner, \$3.50 per head exclusive of Wines. Those wishing to attend are requested to send in their names to F. BAYNESTON, c/o Bradley & Co., Ltd., on or before 5 P.M. on MONDAY, 6th NOVEMBER. [1690]

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIFTH GYMKHANA is fixed for SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1922. Draft Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained at Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close Saturday, 4th November, 1922. [1686]

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that on the 1st NOVEMBER, 1922, the "PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY" will change their name to "THE ADMIRAL ORIENTAL LINE, INC." under which latter name the business will be continued as heretofore.

Dated this 25th day of October, 1922.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY. [1693]

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1913), LTD.

THE FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, HONGKONG, on THURSDAY, the 9th NOVEMBER, 1922, at 11 O'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 30th September, 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 31st October, 1922, until THURSDAY, the 9th November, 1922, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers. [1640]

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LAND, approximately 7,000 square feet on a waterfront at Saiwai with modern 2 storied brick and concrete building suitable for office and godown.

Further details apply.
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NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, also Cargo from COGNAC, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon, to-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Goods of landing will be counterchecked by the Undergrad. Goods remained unclaimed after Thursday, the 2nd Nov., 1922, at noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 6th Nov., 1922, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on Thursday, the 2nd Nov., 1922, at 10 A.M., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

E. RODENFUSER,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 27th October, 1922. [1678]

J. B. LAL

THE ABLE INDIAN PHYSICIAN FROM SINGAPORE.

is now ready to receive anyone who wishes to consult him on the following diseases, viz., Catarrh, Gleet, Gonorrhoea, Eczema, Pimples, Toothache, Burning of the Nose, Neuralgia, etc., etc., and

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the above diseases in less than

TWO MINUTES.

I can cure all kinds of Eye diseases as well as other sicknesses and guarantee to cure radically.

\$1,000 REWARD.

A Reward of \$1,000 (one thousand) will be paid to any person who is able to cure the above mentioned diseases within 2 minutes providing he does not make use of any medicine.

The medicine is my own preparation.
Consulting charge ... \$3.00
Visiting Fee ... 5.00

Consulting hours 9 A.M. to 12 Noon,
3 P.M. to 6 P.M.

J. B. LAL,

No. 12, NATHAN ROAD,

KOWLOON.
[1835]

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BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG

WEEKLY PRESS, January to June 1922.

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BIRTH.

HUNEE—At Yokohama, on October 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. HUNEE, a son.

DEATH.

HOLGATE—At Shanghai, on October 31st, MARGARET, the wife of HAROLD HOLGATE. [1698]

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOEUX RD., C.

LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 2ND, 1922.

ESPERANTO AS A WORLD LANGUAGE.

It is somewhat surprising to learn from the official reports of the proceedings of the League of Nations how favourable has been the reception given to a proposal that Esperanto should be adopted as an auxiliary international language. Most readers have doubtless heard of Esperanto, but probably know nothing about the language but its name. Esperanto was first published in 1887, seven years after the appearance of its predecessor, Volapuk, which it has long since completely supplanted. Its author was a Russian physician named ZAMENHOFF, who was born at Bielsk, where, we are told, the spectacle of the feuds of the four races—each speaking different languages—which inhabit it (Russians, Poles, Germans and Jews) suggested to him the idea of remedying the evil by the introduction of a neutral language, standing apart from the existing national languages. He selected the roots of his artificial language from the chief European languages, was at great pains to reduce the number of his roots to a minimum, and borrowed his grammar largely from existing languages. Esperanto appears to have obtained a vogue which is surprising. The findings of the League of Nations Committee were definitely in favour of Esperanto though they have taken *prima facie* as their motto. Professor GILBERT MURRAY submitted to the Committee a series of draft resolutions. The first proposed that the Assembly of the League of Nations should instruct the

Secretariat to continue to watch the progress of Esperanto and report on it. The second resolution read: "In view of the fact that Esperanto is recognised by several States Members of the League as an auxiliary world language for commerce and science, and that it is used by thousands of people in many countries in international relations, the Assembly of the League of Nations invites States Members to consider, at the forthcoming Postal Conference, the possibility of admitting Esperanto in the postal and telegraphic services, in addition to national languages." Another draft resolution declared that "the Assembly of the League of Nations sees with interest the increased facilities for the teaching of Esperanto now provided in schools of many nations, and hopes to see such facilities still further extended." The second and third of these resolutions were not adopted by the Committee, but the discussion was very interesting. Three opinions were expressed. Some members of the Committee, among whom the Delegates of China, Japan and Persia were conspicuous, supported Professor GILBERT MURRAY's draft resolutions, and urged that the League of Nations should make proposals to the Governments to extend the use of Esperanto on the ground of the great difficulty in those regions of learning Western languages. On the other hand, the Norwegian, Brazilian, Swedish and certain other delegates declared themselves entirely opposed to any intervention in such matters by the League of Nations. They maintained that, the study of a new language, which was purely artificial and had no literature and no national home, offered no serious interest, and that its introduction in the schools would overweight the curricula, without affording any real benefit to the children. The Cuban delegate also emphasised the fact that the official admission of Esperanto into the postal and telegraphic services, in addition to the national languages, would impose upon all States the necessity of a costly organisation, inasmuch as staffs would have to be increased by the appointment of employees acquainted with Esperanto. In short, several members spoke in favour of the immediate rejection of the proposed resolutions. An intermediary opinion prevailed, which found expression in an amendment presented by the French delegate that the question should be referred to the Committee on Intellectual Co-operation in order that its opinion may be obtained on the various aspects of the problem of an auxiliary international language. We doubt whether Esperanto will ever realise the hopes of the Esperantist Societies. It is, as one of the Delegates expressed it, "permissible to reserve an opinion as to the practical results which can be obtained from Esperanto and as to the extent of its uses."

The Chinese Government has appropriated \$300,000 for the expenses of the Judicial Investigation Commission to tour the Provinces and prepare for the investigation by the Powers of China's judicial system in connection with the proposal to abolish extraterritoriality.

Sir Claude Hill, General Secretary of the League of Red Cross Societies at Geneva, has arrived in Japan. On reaching Tokyo he was received by Sir Charles Eliot, the British Ambassador, and officials of the Japan Red Cross Society. Sir Claude Hill is the guest of the Embassy.

In order to certify the number of notes of the Kwangtung Provincial Bank, as required under the recent Loan agreement, a Committee of twenty-eight members representing the Provincial Assembly and the Chamber of Commerce has been formed to undertake the investigation.

Notice is given in our advertisement columns to-day that the Hongkong Tramways, Limited, are seeking powers to construct an additional 1,113 yards of tramway track along Wongneichong Road (on the eastern side of Happy Valley) and Leighton Hill Road, to connect with the existing line at Morrison Hill Road.

Possessing the combined advantages of a superb scenic background and a virile plot, "The Flame of Life," the first Finnish film to be shown in Hongkong, is attracting a good deal of attention at the Coronet just now. The picture was produced by the Swedish Biograph Co., and the part of the hero is excellently portrayed by Lars Hanson, a noted Swedish actor.

A Chinese, who was arrested sometime ago by Sanitary Inspector Wood immediately after he had broken into No. 3, Cox's Path, Kowloon, and who has been in hospital as the result of an injury received in attempting to escape from the house, was sentenced, yesterday morning, to three months' imprisonment by Mr. Lindsell at the Magistracy. The man stole a watch from No. 3, Cox's Path, whilst in his possession was found a waistcoat belonging to a Mr. Hast of No. 3, Cox's Path.

The Reading Circle of the Helena May Institute will begin its Winter Course (to-day, November 2nd), at 10.30 a.m., when Professor Simpson will read a paper on "The Plays of John Galsworthy." On the following Thursday the members will read Galsworthy's play "Justice," and other meetings will be held on November 11th, 23rd, 30th and December 7th at the same hour. Anyone who is interested in the work of the Reading Circle is cordially invited to attend any of its meetings.—ADVT.

About seven months ago a Chinese named Tam Sui, living at Square Street, entrusted a friend of his, one Chan Man Kok, a motor driver—with \$750 to buy him a motor-car. Nothing further was heard of the money, or the car until a month ago when Tam met the motor-driver and made a few enquiries regarding delivery of the vehicle. The motor-driver said that he had "found a purchaser for the car." He promised to return the money in the course of a few days, but from that day to this the motor-driver has not been seen nor heard of. The police are now trying to ascertain his whereabouts.

Mr. J. B. Sultor, who has been Trade Commissioner for New South Wales in the East for the past twenty years, left Hongkong yesterday en route to Australia, where he has been invited to offer himself as a candidate for the Macquarie electorate in the Federal Parliament. Mr. Sultor came out to Hongkong in 1903, and subsequently travelled through British Malaya, Burma and India, eventually making Japan his headquarters. He claims to have built up the woolen trade between Australia and Japan—a trade which has aggregated ninety millions sterling, of which eleven millions represents the balance in Australia's favour. When the banks refused to open credits in the early part of the war he kept commerce going between the two nations by obtaining authority from his Government to hold gold against Australian shipments. He has received many gratifying evidences of appreciation of his work both from officials and the commercial community. It is interesting to recall that Mr. Sultor belongs to the oldest pioneering family in Australia, their connection with the island-continent dating back to 1788. The family now numbers 1,084 and sent 184 of its members to the war.

The Governor of Canton is being asked to abolish the house tax.

Mr. Kim Chang, who is president of the Government Law College at Canton, has been appointed mayor of Canton.

Watch-makers who have been on strike at Canton have decided to set up in business for themselves on a profit sharing basis.

The Manila Observatory at noon, yesterday reported a cyclone or typhoon South of the Bonin Islands, moving N.N.E. or N.E.

The little daughter of an Indian constable living at No. 113, Belcher Street, overbalanced and fell from the first floor of the house on Tuesday. She is now in hospital suffering from serious injuries as the result of the accident.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MORE FIGHTING IN IRELAND.
A NATIONALIST DEFEAT.

London, October 31st.

Using an improvised armoured car as cover for the purpose of laying mines to blow up the barracks, a strong column of irregulars, on Sunday, attacked the Clifden Garrison. The latter held out for ten hours, until the barracks caught fire, when they were compelled to emerge and surrender.

The garrison of the Trans-Atlantic Wireless Station, which thus became untenable, strenuously tried to relieve the town, but were compelled to retreat towards Galway. Several were killed and wounded on both sides and eighty members of the National Forces were taken prisoners.

AMERICAN COPPER
MAGNATES' ESTATE.

London, October 31st.

The estate of the late Mr. Isaac Cuguenheim, (the American copper magnate, who died at Southampton on October 10th) has been valued at \$8,000,000.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE BRITISH MINISTRY.
FURTHER APPOINTMENT
ANNOUNCED.

London, October 31st.

Further Ministerial appointments are announced as follows:—

Minister of Air.—Lt.-Col. Sir Samuel Hoare.
Minister of Labour.—Sir Montague Barlow.
Minister of Pensions.—Major G. C. Tryon.
First Commissioner of Works.—Major Sir John L. Baird.
Solicitor General.—Mr. T. W. H. Lusk.
Postmaster General.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

UNDER-SECRETARIES.

The Under-Secretaries include the following:—

India.—Earl Winterton.
Foreign Affairs.—Mr. Ronald McNeill.
Colonies.—Hon. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore.
Financial Secretary to War Office.—Hon. F. S. Jackson.
Overseas Trade.—Sir W. Joynson-Hicks.
War Office.—Hon. Walter E. Guinness.
Secretary to the Treasury.—Colonel Leslie Wilson.
Home Office.—Hon. F. G. Stanley.
Air Ministry.—Duke of Sutherland.
Financial Secretary to Admiralty.—Comdr. Eyres Monsell.
Civil Lord of Admiralty.—Marquis of Linlithgow.
Board of Trade.—Lord Wolmer.
Transport.—Col. Wilfrid Ashley.
Health.—Lord Onslow.
Agriculture.—Lord Anster.
[The Hon. F. S. Jackson is the noted cricketer.]

NEAR EAST CONFERENCE.
WHICH GOVERNMENT?

CONSTANTINOPLE, October 31st.—The Anglo-Representative has handed the Allied High Commissioners two Notes, firstly, accepting Lausanne as the venue of the Near East Conference, subject to the provision of facilities for communication between Lausanne and Angora; and secondly, protesting against the invitation of the Constantinople Government to the Conference, which the Angora Government considers a violation of the spirit of the Mudania Convention and may compel Angora representatives to abstain from attending the Conference.

AMERICAN RELIEF WORKER
MURDERED.

New York, October 31st.

The Near East Relief Committee announces that one of its workers, Mr. James Lester Wright, has been murdered while conducting a thousand Armenian orphans from Kharput to Aleppo.

THE INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK.

POSSIBLE TRADE REVIVAL.

London, October 31st.

In a speech before the Federation of British Industries at Edinburgh, Colonel O. C. Armstrong, President, expressed the opinion that a possible revival of trade was in sight. He urged a readjustment of the Reparations claims and advocated a round-table conference with a view to a prompt and reasonable compromise. The situation was so serious that immediate and drastic action was necessary. He referred to the retarding influence of hostile tariff barriers and suggested that British manufacturers should look outside of Europe—for example, South America and the Far East. He said German competition was weakening as her financial position became worse, while the United States policy with regard to tariffs and Inter-Allied Debt, would considerably react upon her power to compete in external markets.

LATEST CABLES.

BRITISH ELECTION CAMPAIGN
NATIONAL LIBERALS' COUNCIL OF
WAR.

London, October 31st.

The National Liberals' Council of War, which lasted all day yesterday, failed to reach a decision regarding their relationship to the Conservatives, who, up to the present, are opposing thirty National Liberals including four ex-Ministers.

Mr. Lloyd George's followers are most reluctant to declare war, and will probably wait for a day or two, to see whether the hostile movement on the part of their former colleagues extends, before taking decisive action.

MR. CHURCHILL ATTACKS NEW
GOVERNMENT.

In the meantime, Mr. Churchill, who is rapidly convalescing, has written to his constituents warmly attacking the new Government's policy.

The breach between Mr. Chamberlain's followers and the orthodox Conservatives has considerably healed within the past few days, but a few, like Lord Birkenhead and Sir Robert Horpe, are apparently swinging towards Mr. Lloyd George.

STIFFENING THE DIEMARDS.

London, October 31st.

The new ministerial appointments are noteworthy, owing to the inclusion of four Peers in addition to Earl Winterton, and Lord Wolmer, who sit in the House of Commons, and also for the stiffening of the Diemard element in the Ministry, in which four important posts remain to be filled. Twenty-one of those appointed held office in the late Government.

The new appointments are regarded as a fresh provocation to the National Liberals, and Mr. Lloyd George's next utterance in anxiously awaited. Unfortunately, it was announced, today, that Mr. Lloyd George was suffering from a bad throat and will be unable to speak at Bristol to-morrow.

"MANCHESTER GUARDIAN'S"
ADVICE TO LLOYD GEORGE.

The Manchester Guardian, which is ardently preaching the gospel of Liberal reunion, asks Mr. Lloyd George to consider his position without delay, in view of the prospect of a return of the "most reactionary government in modern times" and the obvious fact that the Conservatives do not desire his assistance. It declares that it is unnecessary for Mr. Lloyd George to swear allegiance to Mr. Asquith, as he only needs to declare himself a Liberal and local associations will do the rest. It then dwells on the evidence of the personal popularity of Mr. Lloyd George, which, it states, is his most valuable asset.

EARLIER CABLES.

CONSERVATIVES AND NATIONAL
LIBERALS QUARREL.

London, October 31st.

A quarrel is developing between Conservatives and the National Liberals. According to political correspondents, local Conservative Associations are angered at Mr. Lloyd George's speeches ridiculing the Government and are increasingly adopting candidates to fight National Liberals.

Mr. Lloyd George is described as being infuriated and as threatening reprisals. The headquarters of the National Liberals claim that they can put an additional hundred candidates in the field who are burning to fight Conservatives if the National Liberals are not given a fair chance.

Mr. McCurdy told the Northampton Liberals that he, as Chief Whip, has refrained from sending National Liberals to oppose Independent Liberals, and he hoped his example would be followed by both sections.

ULSTER DELEGATES TO
PARTICIPATE.

London, October 31st.

A hundred and fifty of 300 Ulstermen, delegated to participate in the election, have landed at Liverpool. They will be distributed in batches of ten in London and other cities. They bring a statement from Sir James Craig declaring that it is incumbent on Ulster to resist the revision of boundaries, which Mr. Lloyd George promised Sinn Fein and are seeking assurances from British Parliamentary candidates that the new Government will safeguard Ulster's interests.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR
CONFERENCE.

CANADIAN PROPOSAL ADOPTED.

Geneva, October 31st.

The International Labour Conference has adopted a proposal by Mr. Lapointe, of Canada, whereby six of the sixteen members of the Governing Body must belong to non-European States.

FAR EASTERN CABLE
NEWS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE ALLEGED BANK FRAUDS.

STATEMENT BY HENRY WERBLOW.

New York, October 31st.

A statement has been issued by Henry Werblow, through his counsel, in which he declares that he and his brother Robert are the victims of an international band of criminals, who conceived the plan for swindling the Guaranty Trust through the Asia Banking Corporation, by a system of forged telegrams passing between China, London and New York.

Henry Werblow explains that, the forged cables led him to believe his brother was implicated, and he deduced that it was his efforts to protect his brother, and to save the bank, which led to his arrest.

The President of the Asia Banking Corporation informs Reuter that, Henry Werblow returned voluntarily from Peking, and was not lured to America, as previously stated.

ITALY'S NEW GOVERNMENT.
A POLICY OF RECONSTRUCTION.

Rome, October 31st.

Signor Mussolini's first words on being received in audience by the King were:—"I must apologise for appearing before your Majesty in the black shirt." He added that he wished to present himself as the representative of a national movement which had overthrown all obstacles in order to reconstruct the country, "for which purpose I am your Majesty's obedient servant." The King and Signor Mussolini then shook hands, pledging themselves to work together for the greatness of Italy.

Signor Mussolini has ordered that only 15,000 "Black-shirts" enter Rome to-day to pay homage to the King and a tribute to the Unknown Warrior. The streets yesterday however, were swarming with Fascist fraternising with the troops. There was a fight between the Fascist and Communists in the Siburtina quarter, and according to the papers eight were killed and several injured.

FASCIST DEMOBILISATION.

Rome, October 31st.

The Fascist High Command has ordered the demobilisation of the Fascists. The numerous Fascist now in Rome will proceed to their homes after a patriotic procession in the evening.

The situation in Italy is now regarded as normal.

AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE
RESIGNS.

Paris, October 31st.

Signor Sforza has resigned the Italian Ambassadorship.

Signor Sforza, telegraphing his resignation to Signor Mussolini, declares that it is essential that Italy's foreign policy be not a mere sum of sentiments and regrets, and he regrets abandoning his fruitful work.

NEW GOVERNMENT TAKES THE
OATH.

Rome, October 31st.

Signor Mussolini's Government took the oath to-day.

FASCISTI PROCESSION.

Rome, October 31st.

There were stirring scenes of enthusiasm on the occasion of 15,000 uniformed Fascist marching in procession along the main thoroughfares.

EXTRAORDINARY SCENES OF
ENTHUSIASM.

LATER.

Signor Mussolini, telegraphing greetings to Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Rosebery on his assumption of the Premiership, declares that the solidarity of the Allies is indispensable for the effectiveness of political action. He has similarly telegraphed to the United States to Mr. Hughes, expressing confidence in a mutual and friendly economic and spiritual collaboration.

Extraordinary scenes of enthusiasm marked the march through Rome of 15,000 Fascists, clad in the famous black shirts. There were several thousand blue-shirted Nationalists. The streets were decorated and flowers were rained on the processionists, who, after filing past and reverently saluting the Unknown Soldier's tomb, proceeded to the Quirinal Square where over 100,000 people assembled. His Majesty came out and was received with tumultuous cheering. The men reformed and were despatched to their homes on fifty special trains, prior to demobilisation.

PUNCTUALITY FOR GOVERNMENT
SERVANTS.

One of Signor Mussolini's first acts when he took over the ministerial duties, unusually early in the morning, was to ascertain whether the State employes were observing punctuality. If not he ordered their dismissal as being unworthy to serve the State. The new Premier donned a newly-ordered ready-made frock coat and top hat before proceeding to the Quirinal, where he presented to the King a frank statement of conditions in Italy. His Majesty read the oath of office, which Signor Mussolini solemnly took, giving a characteristic Fascist salute copied from the ancient Romans.

A SHANGHAI BANKRUPTCY.
APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE
REFUSED.

A BUSINESS MAN'S DUTY.

In the application for discharge in bankruptcy, made by Mr. A. E. S. Thompson in H.M. Supreme Court, at Shanghai, His Honour Judge Grain came to the conclusion that he could see no reason whatever for granting the application, which was accordingly refused.

Judgment was as follows:—The bankrupt, Alfred Eric Sheppard Thompson, now applies for his discharge, he having been adjudicated bankrupt in April, 1921. The Official Receiver in Bankruptcy opposes the application and it is also opposed by certain creditors, namely, the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Messrs. James Morrison & Co., Ltd.

The bankrupt's statement of affairs disclosed liabilities of £43,088.33 and assets estimated at £15,184.80, leaving a deficiency of £27,903.53. The trustee has admitted proofs of debts amounting to about £17,355.06. The assets will realize about £17,000. So that the present deficiency is at least £10,858.47. The dividend which appears likely to be paid is no more than 2d. in the £ sterling i.e. 0.01 in the £.

The Official Receiver opposes the application on the ground:—

- (a)—Assets not of the value of 10/- in £ sterling.
- (b)—Bankrupt omitted to keep books in a manner sufficient to disclose his business transactions and financial position within the three years previous to his bankruptcy.
- (c)—Unjustifiable extravagance in living.
- (d)—That he had within three months previous to his bankruptcy given undue preference to one of his creditors.

The two creditors oppose the application on the ground:—

- (1)—That bankrupt had continued to trade after knowing himself to be insolvent.
- (2)—That he had contributed to his bankruptcy by rash and hazardous speculation and culpable neglect of his business affairs.

The amount owing to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is about £9,684.80 and to Messrs. Morrison & Co. £1,000,000 at least. The Court in considering the application for discharge has an almost unlimited discretion and in considering the application it is its duty to have regard to the interests of the creditors, the interests of the public and commercial morality, but at the same time if possible to free the bankrupt from his burdens and give him again an opportunity of earning his living by commercial undertakings and giving him an inducement to industry.

With regard to the first ground of opposition by the Official Receiver it is clear that the bankrupt will not be able to pay anything near 10/- in £ sterling.

THE BUSINESS OF BOOK-KEEPING.

With regard to the books, a report by Mr. Turner, a chartered accountant in the firm of Mr. S. A. Seth, the trustee in bankruptcy, is put in, which states that although the correct set of books were kept, nevertheless until after lengthy examination the entries were unintelligible. On examination of the books it appears in the opinion of Mr. Turner, Thompson was insolvent on June 30th, 1920. Mr. Turner was also called and gave evidence supporting his report. Mr. Wilkinson also, a chartered accountant was called on behalf of the bankrupt and stated that the books were elaborately kept, "perhaps too elaborately," that his firm had audited the books since 1919 and considered that his books were kept about the average of book-keeping in Shanghai. But he agrees that they were "to a great extent unintelligible until necessary explanations had been given, and considers that it would take a month for an experienced accountant to get a result from the bankrupt's books."

Now the book-keeping which the Courts require is very clearly laid down by Lord Esher M.R. in *ex parte Reed* (1886, L.R. Vol. 17 Q.B.D. p. 254). He says there: "It is not enough that there should be books with entries in them which would require a prolonged examination by a skilled accountant in order to ascertain the results of them. This is not keeping proper books. The books should be properly kept and balanced from time to time so that at any moment, the real state of the trader's affairs may at once appear. Those are the books which traders ought to keep."

The bankrupt does not admit that he was insolvent in June, 1920, and states that he is satisfied he was perfectly solvent up to October, 1920. He states that his capital in June, 1920, was £15,000. Now I fail to understand how he could have considered himself solvent in June, 1920.

A STATE OF INSOLVENCY.

Messrs. Morrison & Co., in a letter dated May, 1920, had put his position very clearly before him. They say that they have received his balance sheet but that it is not intelligible to them, but if they accept his statement that his capital is at that time £15,000 (roughly £16,000), they point out that at that date, he certainly owed them half his capital, viz. £8,000 due to them, plus £1,500 the loss on a shipment of alumina, making a total of £9,500. Now it is difficult to understand how the bankrupt with knowledge of his liabilities could fail to see that he was insolvent. He does go so far as to admit, "It was a serious position, and I relied upon exchange going up." And further his cable to Messrs. Morrison & Co. on June 11th, 1920, ordering cancellation of goods if (Continued at foot of next column.)

SPORT.

CRICKET.

MACLAREN'S TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA.

A London wire of September 30th states:—

Mr. A. C. MacLaren's team of cricketers for Australia and New Zealand has sailed. When interviewed Mr. MacLaren said: "I am somewhat anxious about the team's batting, but the bowling looks sound. Freeman is certain to succeed, and Calhorne is our main strength. The Australian State teams will probably beat us. We may have to meet E. A. Macdonald, who, probably, is returning to Australia. Frankly, I am funkling to play with so little practice. It takes at least a fortnight to get accustomed to the bright Australian light. I am quite prepared for a bad start, but I shall tell the team that that will be no cause for them to lose heart. We shall get on capitally and solidly, as good cricketers always do."

In an interview with a representative of the *Westminster Gazette*, Mr. MacLaren said that he considered batting and fielding were the team's uncertainties. Most of the members of the team were amateurs, too likely to adopt the "sporting" spirit. Chapman was almost certain to do well. Geoffrey Wilson had recovered from his operation and would be most valuable in the field. Meeting Macdonald should be all for the good for batsmen, who needed the experience of such redoubtable bowling. Macdonald had not been in his best health this summer, and he would have taken more wickets if he had first-class fielders in the slips. The practice of sending junior teams on a tour would be most valuable to future English cricketers. The picked team of young men was likely to improve quite 30 per cent. during the tour.

possible and ending: "Do what you can to relieve the situation" shows that he was well aware of the seriousness of his position.

Mr. Birch of Messrs. Morrison & Co., who gave his evidence scrupulously fairly, states a large indirect loss would have been avoided if the bankrupt would only have settled exchange in September or October, 1920. There was an opportunity then to settle exchange 10 months forward. Mr. Birch states he was continually pressing the bankrupt to do so, but he could not get him to do so, that he kept delaying, one day saying he would and the next day that he would not, till the time arrived when it was not possible to do so. I can come to no other conclusion than that he totally disregarded the interests of his creditors, knowing that the extra loss could not make his own position worse than it was, while if exchange went up he himself might just save his bankruptcy.

There is further no doubt, that in spite of his explanation for so doing, he did give undue preference to two of his creditors. When a man is on the eve of bankruptcy and must know his position, and Thompson must have known his position in January, 1921, it is his duty not to interfere in any way between his creditors. As Lord Esher says (in *ex parte Skeggs*, 1880 L.R. 25 Q.B.D. 508): "The only honest course for a man in such a position is, not to interfere in any way between his creditors, so as to give any one of them a preference over the others. He knows that, if he is made bankrupt, his property will be shared equally by all creditors."

NO EFFORT TO REPAY.

There is also one other matter which I feel bound to refer to. Since the time he was adjudicated bankrupt he has not shown the slightest effort to repay his creditors any amount whatsoever. He has been receiving £15,400 a month, which has recently been increased to £15,600 a month, and his wife has some small private means. I cannot help thinking that the first thing he ought to have done would have been to have reduced his expenditure to a minimum, giving up all item of expense not absolutely necessary, in order that he might obtain some surplus, however small, with which to repay his creditors. But that he has clearly not done because, as regards expenditure, according to his own statements he has been living in much the same style as he did before he went bankrupt.

With regard to his not being able to pay 10/- in the £ sterling, and continuing trading, it is clearly laid down in innumerable cases, that a man has every right to continue trading in what at the time appears to be a business in which there is a chance of a severe loss so long as he is solvent. But directly he sees from his books of account that he is unable to pay his creditors 10/- in the £ sterling; if he continues to carry on his business on the chance of further loss, he is doing so at the risk of his creditors. He may think that if he continues, it will be possible to retrieve his position and so save loss to himself and his creditors. But it is his duty to call his creditors together (because it is they who will have to bear the extra loss if he continues) and place his affairs before them for their determination.

It has been urged that the bankrupt is a young man, but in my opinion that is an element which should have made him all the more careful. If he was young and inexperienced, so much the more reason for him to consult his creditors who, in all probability, would be older and more experienced men.

On going very carefully into all the points put before me, with very great skill by counsel on behalf of the bankrupt, I can see no reason whatever for granting this application for discharge. The discharge from bankruptcy applied for is therefore refused with costs.

U.S. TARIFF ACT.

PRESIDENT'S BROAD POWERS.

(FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.)

WASHINGTON, September 30th.

The experts of the Treasury estimate that the new Tariff will yield about \$400,000,000 (nominally \$280,000,000) annual revenue, half of which will be derived from the following sources: sugar, \$67,000,000; raw wool, \$60,000,000; tobacco, \$55,000,000; lace and embroideries, \$18,000,000. While the average ad valorem rates as set forth in the Bill are slightly higher than those of the Payne-Aldrich Tariff, they will in actual operation show an average slightly lower, because some of the new duties, particularly those on cutlery, are so high that they will be inoperative, while others, including most in the agricultural schedule, will also be inoperative because there is an absence of imports in the commodities they cover.

Perhaps the most notable feature of the measure is the broad authority given to the President over taxes at Customs Houses. Upon investigation he may increase or decrease any rate in the Bill by fifty per cent. should he find that necessary in order to set off the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad. What is more, the President may declare American valuations as the basis for the assessment of ad valorem duties. If such a basis is used, the duties may not be increased, but the experts estimate that the adoption of the American rather than the foreign valuation would automatically bring about an average increase of about 100 per cent. in the rates. After declaring the American valuation, however, the President could reduce any duty by 50 per cent.

These are known as "flexible tariff" provisions, and the Tariff Commission is authorized to assist the President in carrying them out by holding investigations at which the interested parties could appear and submit arguments.

The final debate produced little that was new, save a prediction by Senator Underwood, the Democratic leader, that the "flexible tariff" provisions would be unconstitutional. Congress, in giving the President authority to change the rates, was, he said, abdicating its power.

The final vote was taken in an air rather of foreboding than of satisfaction. The Fordney-McCumber Tariff provides very high rates, and it was remembered that twice in one generation have tariffs with very high rates brought about the defeat of the Republican Party.

AMERICA AND EUROPE
MOVING WEST.

The arresting idea that America and Europe are slowly drifting towards the West was discussed by Dr. J. W. Evans in a paper before the British Association on Wegener's hypothesis of Continental drift. Wegener, he said, was under the impression that America was going west faster than Europe, and that the longitude of Cambridge, Massachusetts, was increasing, while Greenland was moving in the same direction at a still more rapid rate. The continents were composed largely of rocks rich in silica and alumina, termed sial; while those below the sea were less siliceous and heavier, and had been referred to as sima. This extended under the sial of the continent, and Wegener believed that the sial masses drift through the simalike icebergs through the sea. The sima, however, was a crystallising solid down to a depth of fifteen miles, and was as strong, if not stronger than, the sial slab. By over-thrusts and crumbling some areas, continued Dr. Evans, were brought nearer together, and by assuring igneous intrusions, and normal faulting others, were moving apart. There was some evidence of a slow drift away from Africa and towards the Pacific, but there was nothing to show that this was as rapid as was assumed by Dr. Wegener. One point in favour of the contention was that the difference between the longitude at Greenwich and Cambridge, Massachusetts, had increased by 0.023 of a second of time in forty-two years, which would correspond to a movement of about 7 in. per annum, equal to about one mile in 2,000 years, or 2,500 miles, the width of the Atlantic, in 18,000,000 years.

SUNBURN IN FIVE MINUTES.

Sunburn is sometimes rather painful and occasionally disfiguring, but that healthy brown that comes from an open-air sun-bath holiday is desired by both men and women.

It has long been known (says a writer in *Conquest*) that the pigmentation of the skin in sunlight was not due to the sun's heat, but to the sun's light, and it was just as well known that no one could get sunburned by sitting close to a gas light.

Of late years, it has been found, that the brown of the skin was caused chiefly by ultra-violet light. Sunlight always has plenty of this light element in it, but it is so easily stopped by cloud or moisture that only a small percentage of it reaches the faces of the population of these islands.

Science, however, has provided us with means of producing ultra-violet rays, quite apart from sunlight. There are several ways of doing it, but one of the simplest is by means of the mercury vapour lamp. Those who work with this invention know how quickly their hands get brown, and the face and arms are more sensitive than the hands.

Few of us can use such light in our own houses, and perhaps it is as well, but it is interesting to know that a beautiful sun-burn can be obtained in ten minutes or so by exposure to these rays, without any of the troublesome heat effects of sheer sunlight.

Further reports as to the conflicts at the recent Conference of the Russian Communist Party show that the Extreme Left gained control, and with it control of the Soviet Government's policy.

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OLD AND NEW BANK OF ENGLAND.

[FROM "THE TIMES."]

There is great deal of beauty and sentiment about the Bank of England. One cannot quite comprehend the Bank of England without taking those qualities into account along with the bills and the bullion. The rebuilding now announced may, and probably will, involve the loss of some of the beauty and more of the sentiment. As this is inevitable nobody can complain. The Bank of England, being busier than ever before in the course of its long and businesslike history, cannot afford to have its clerks scattered here and there.

The sentiment attaching to the Bank will be understood. It arises from tradition, power, dignity, and association. Most Londoners have seen, in the early evening, the detachment of guards marching to duty at the bank; and they will talk, as they watch the little procession, of the conditions of its service. Especially are they impressed with the officers' privilege of each inviting one friend to share his dinner and wine, and also his vigil. The guards have been ready to defend the bank at night since the Lord George Gordon riots, and though since then London has had a century of opportunity to get used to the custom, its interest has not yet dwindled into monotony, probably because it symbolizes the bank's high significance. This military watch is a reality and no mere form. None the less has it for Londoners the sentiment attaching to long usage.

In one of the inner halls hang relics of another martial association. Arranged in a gleaming circle are the swords of the old Volunteer Corps of the Bank of England, started when Napoleon was threatening the country. On either side hang the colours, blackened by time, of this corps—the very colours depicted in an oil painting of the ceremony of their presentation on Lord's Cricket Ground towards the end of the eighteenth century. Judging from the painting, the uniform of the corps then resembled that of the Grenadiers. The men are in scarlet cutaway coats, white breeches, and high black gaiters; much the same costume as we saw the other day in the pageant of Changing the Guard at the Royal Tournament.

ROTUNDA TO DISAPPEAR.

The rotunda, it seems, will disappear under the rebuilding scheme. This is a pity, as the architects evidently feel; because much of the sentiment of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries appears still to be alive beneath the great domed roof. Stirring scenes have been witnessed here until a day comparatively recent. When it was the rule of the bank for dividend warrants to be presented in person the holders came to the rotunda on the specified dates from all parts of the country. All it meant to them before the days of railways only they could tell; and, as they are no longer voluble, we cannot imagine. Many years later, when travelling had become almost a national pastime, it was a brave sight to see them clustering thickly in the ante-room for the preliminaries, and then taking their stand, often six deep, at the rotunda counter. What material in the rotunda for students of eccentric and strongly-marked character!

The beauty of the bank would never be guessed from the monumental blackness of its exterior walls. These certainly are dominant enough. They speak as loudly as stone, can of the substance of earthly things. But no grace is mingled with their suggestion of might. The interior, on the other hand, is marked by a noble harmony.

Dropped from the clouds into the Garden Court, and allowed to wander as he pleased in its close neighbourhood, a stranger might fancy himself in the domain of some later Medici who mingled banking with a rest for architecture and decoration. The old court-room, with its white pillars and inlaid plaques, like big pieces of rare Wedgwood, has a lightness and proportion that are rare in the City of London, where interiors are apt to be heavily handsome. From the windows directors of the bank, these hundred years or more, have looked on to the spreading lime tree which remains the centre of the peaceful loveliness of Garden Court.

The committee room and the ante-rooms share the beauty of the court-room, and also its air of taste. None of them suffers from that overcrowding of pictures, busts, or other records of the past which often proves so fatal to grace. Yet the bank has its treasures of art. One of them is a mantelpiece of white marble with a frieze-like decoration in exquisite sculpture. What period of Italian art it represents the connoisseurs must decide if they can. It was brought to the bank about the middle of last century from the house of the Marquess of Anglesey, which then became, and has remained, the bank's western branch in London.

A hopeful statement has been made that the amenities of these old rooms may be preserved in the reconstructed building, and that some of the vaulted rooms and corridors may be retained. Nothing but urgency would justify the least tampering with an interior so admirably fitted, in its simple dignity, to typify the Bank of England. The consolation is that work is sure to be done with due reverence both to beauty and tradition.

The bank is no longer open to visitors. Formerly, it had a place among the shows of London. Parties of not more than six used to be conducted over portions of the building. But the parties increased. Sometimes there were as many as twenty-five of them in one day. The question of guidance grew serious, and a decision was made that the Bank of England must attend to business only.

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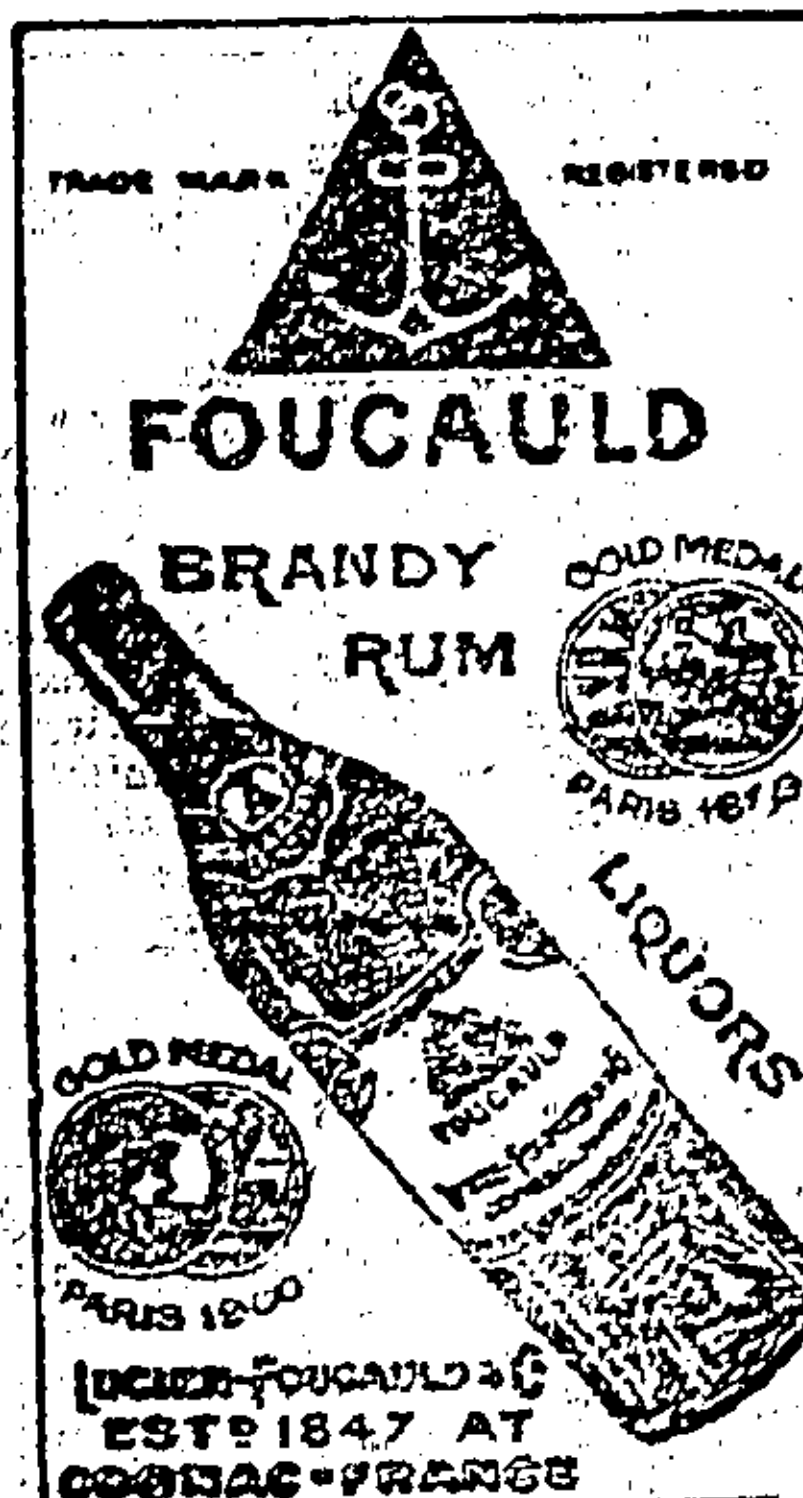
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Armanestan, British str., 2,350 tons, Capt. A. J. Rainer, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—China Mail S.S. Co.

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Dover Maru, Japanese str., from Canton. Capt. N. Kunitzawa, from Miki, with coal.—O.S.K.

Growth, British str., 1,296 tons, Capt. B. W. S. Pritchard, from Saigon, with rice.—Moller & Co.

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Kwongtung, British str., from Canton. Capt. N. Kunitzawa, from Miki, with coal.—O.S.K.

Luzon Maru, Japanese str., 2,571 tons, Capt. N. Kunitzawa, from Miki, with coal.—O.S.K.

Nam Pak, American str., 417 tons, Capt. H. Carneiro, from Hoibow, with a general cargo.—Chung Hing S.S. Co.

Ningpo, British str., 1,226 tons, Capt. R. Hitcher, from Saigon, with rice.—B. & S.

Onishi Maru, Japanese str., 1,185 tons, Capt. Z. Yumamoto, from Keelung, with a general cargo.—O.S.K.

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Pongtung, British str., from Canton. Capt. G. Kawamura, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Nov. 1st at 10.57.—Pressure has decreased considerably from central Japan to the Bonins and increased considerably at Shanghai. At Guam and Hongkong it has increased slightly and over the Philippines it is nearly stationary.

A typhoon is shown to the S.E. of Bonins travelling N.N.E.
 An anticyclone has formed over China. Strong monsoon may be expected along the E. coast of China and freshen this monsoon over the northern portion of the N. China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 1st Nov., 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 68.16 inches, against an average of 80.60 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—
 District: N.E. winds, fresh, generally cloudy, some drizzle later, colder.

Hongkong to Gap Rock: N.E. winds, strong.

Formosa Channel: N.E. winds, strong.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamcocks: The same as No. 1.

South coast China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From Nov. 2nd to 8th, 1923.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		H'kong Standard Time	Height	H'kong Standard Time	Height
Thurs.	2	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		7 46	6 0	1 55	3 1
Fri.	3	8 23	5 9	2 49	2 6
		8 26	7 0	2 30	2 7
Sat.	4	8 59	5 8	3 6	2 3
		8 47	7 2	3 50	2 3
Sun.	5	9 37	5 5	3 43	1 9
		9 11	7 5	3 19	3 9
Mon.	6	10 21	6 5	4 30	1 7
		9 39	7 7	3 47	3 2
Tues.	7	10 13	6 3	5 0	1 5
		10 12	7 3	4 18	3 5
Wed.	8	10 13	6 0	5 42	1 5
		10 53	7 7	4 45	3 7

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